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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE

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1. CAIRO DAILIES MAY 3 ANNOUNCE ARRIVAL IN ZAIRE OF
50-MAN EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE MISSION (PILOTS AND "TECHNICIANS")
AND EGYPTIAN MEDICAL MISSION TO ASSIST SHABA CASUALTIES.
DAILIES QUOTE ONE OF NEWLY ARRIVED EGYPTIAN PILOTS THAT
EGYPTIANS "UNCLEAR WHETHER THEY WILL PARTICIPATE IN
FIGHTING IN SHABA," ALTHOUGH PILOTS CAPABLE OF FLYING
ZAIIRAN MIRAGE AIRCRAFT. DAILIES ASSERT "WORLDWIDE
APPROVAL" OF EGYPTIAN SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE ANNOUNCED
DURING SADAT'S MAY 1 SPEECH (REFTEL). RADIO MOSCOW
DENUNCIATION OF EGYPTIAN AID TO ZAIRE ("ASSISTANCE TO
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REACTIONARY GOVERNMENT AGAINST A POPULAR UPHEAVAL")
TREATED AS IRREFUTABLE PROOF THAT SADAT DECISION IDEO-
LOGICALLY CORRECT.

2. COMMENT: THIS FIRST APPEARANCE OF 50-MAN FIGURE FOR
AIR FORCE MISSION AND FIRST MENTION OF EGYPTIAN MEDICAL
MISSION (SIZE UNSPECIFIED) FOR ZAIRE. AIR VICE MARSHAL

MASARI, EAF COMMANDER, TOLD AMBASSADOR MAY 2 THAT PRINCIPAL
MISSION OF EGYPTIAN POLOTS, SHOULD THEY FLY MISSIONS OVER
SHABA, WOULD BE FLY-BYS TO PROVIDE MORAL SUPPORT FOR
MORROCAN GROUND FORCES, SINCE IN GUERRILLA WAR OF THIS TYPE
FEW ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS EXIST FOR AIR BOMBARDMENT, ESPECIALLY
BY HIGH-SPEED AIRCRAFT.
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